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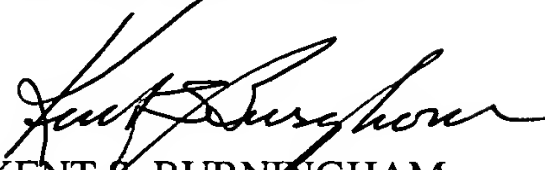
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Transmitted: Transmittal for Amendment A" and Response to Species Election Requirement
(4 pages)
Amendment "A" and Response to Species Election Requirement (7 pages) with
Exhibit A attached
Appendix A to Amendment "A" and Response to Species Election Requirement:
Detail of Proposed Amendments to Specification (3 pages)
Petition for One-Month Extension of Time (2 pages)
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- ☐ Claims. In support of proposed amendments to the claims, enclosed is Appendix ☐ to Amendment "☐": Detail of Proposed Amendments to Claims.
- ☐ Abstract. In support of proposed amendments to the abstract, enclosed is Appendix ☐ to ☐: Detail of Proposed Amendments to Abstract.
- ☐ To secure the approval of the Examiner for proposed amendments to the drawings, enclosed are the following:
- ☐ Letter to the Official Draftsperson;
- ☐ Set of ☐ (☐) sheets of informal drawings containing Figures ☐ including the proposed amendments therein; and
- ☐ A duplicate set of the ☐ (☐) sheets of informal drawings with the changes therein highlighted in red.
- ☒ To render the transmitted Amendment "A" and Response to Species Election Requirement timely filed, enclosed are the following:
- ☒ Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time for a period of one (1) month; and
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CLAIM INVENTORY			SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
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Total 24	Minus 24	0	\$ 9.00	\$ --		\$18.00	\$ 0
Indep. 4	Minus 4	0	\$42.00	\$ --		\$84.00	\$ 0
First Multiple Dependent Claim			\$140.00	\$ --		\$280.00	\$ 0
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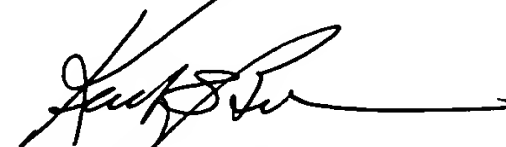
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 x Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

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